

Good morning to everyone in Navy Medicine! Hope this finds you well as we enter the 'Fall' season. We have many items going on in the Hospital Corps, below are the highlights and what keeps the Hospital Corps engine running at full speed!

As we move forward from recent events, I expect everyone to treat others they entrusted to care for as if they were treating themselves or their very own family member. We must conduct ourselves with the highest integrity and give our patients our very best.

1. Happy Navy Birthday, on 13 October 2017, the Navy will celebrate its 242<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Take this week and reflect on our Naval heritage and traditions; those who have gone before us into the sea and fields of battle to carry out our countries mission. This year's theme is "Sea Power to Protect and Promote", more information can be found on NAVADMIN 180/17.

2. Another big push for the Hospital Corps is our updated Enlisted Technical Leader (ETL) Program instruction. BUMEDINST 5420.13D provides guidelines for the mission, function, responsibilities, and selection criteria for Navy Medicine ETLs; this can be found <http://www.med.navy.mil/directives/Pages/BUMEDInstructions.aspx>

\*Currently seeking nominations as ETL NECs, 8466, 8482 and 8483.

3. JMESI Healthcare Management Course is a Tri-Service course designed for first time clinical supervisors and provides them with the administrative tools to successfully manage their clinical areas. Topics discussed include: Civilian Personnel, Contracting, Budgeting, Quality Management tools available through the TRICARE Operations Center, Efficient Scheduling, Utilization Management, and more. This course is centrally funded and held in San Antonio, Texas three times per year; Navy Medicine is allowed 5 enlisted quotas per iteration.

\*Dates for FY18 are 22-26 January, 7-11 May and 13 - 17 August 2018. POC, HMC Leonor Casiano at [Leonor.m.casiano.mil@mail.mil](mailto:Leonor.m.casiano.mil@mail.mil).

4. NAVADMIN 231/17 released September 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 announced two changes to the CMS-ID system and one change to the Career Waypoints (C-WAY) starting October 2017. This is aimed to enhance Navy efforts to provide the Fleet with the right Sailor, at the right time, in the right place, with the right skills.

The first change announced in the NAVADMIN extends the CMS-ID order negotiation window for Sailors to apply for advertised billets by three months. Sailors will begin negotiating and applying for advertised billets twelve months prior to their PRD.

The second change will extend the CMS-ID window from a one month to a two-month cycle, which will add more billets for Sailors to choose from when negotiating their next assignment.

The C-WAY application time-line has also been updated. This change will ensure Sailors obtain reenlistment authority prior to negotiating in CMS-ID by starting the C-WAY application window 16 months prior to the SEAOS and PRD.

For more information, contact your Command Career Counselors.

5. Last month I had the opportunity to visit the crew at Naval Hospital Beaufort; special thanks to HMCN Dave Lally for setting it up and introducing me to the team!

6. The first Hospital Corpsmen trained under the new curriculum will graduate this month starting 13 October 2017! We anxiously await the feedback from our new Corpsmen and their leadership. I ask you keep in mind the curriculum is not the end all; they're being trained as 'basic' Corpsman! The HM and Basic Dental Assistant PQS and instruction will provide amplifying guidance and develop the Corpsman of the future. I need your full support with this endeavor!

7. To further coincide with this new graduating HM class, 30 of our new Corpsmen will go to the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center to participate in the HM Clinical Trauma Experience proof of concept. The HM Clinical Trauma Experience proof of concept seeks to meet the requirements of a medically ready force and ready medical force to provide HMs with hands-on exposure to clinical and trauma experiences in a supervised environment.

8. The attached document prescribes the Veterans Benefits Administration updates to VA Pre-Discharge Programs. Please distribute accordingly.

9. In remembrance:

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Mark R. Cannon, 31, of Lubbock, Texas, died October 2, 2007. Doc Cannon was assigned to 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division.

Hospital Corpsman Third Class Manuel R. Denton, USN, of Kerrville, TX, died October 8, 1963. Doc Denton was assigned to 1st Marine Air Wing, FMF PAC. His remains were not recovered until 2000 and 2001, and from the crash site in 2003. DPMO announced on August 4, 2008, that his remains had been identified.

Hospitalman Edwin Gonzalez, 22, of North Miami Beach, FL, died October 8, 2010. Doc Gonzalez was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division.

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Christopher W. Thompson, 25, of N. Wilkesboro, N.C., was killed in action on Oct. 21, 2005.

Doc Thompson was assigned to Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 8th Regimental Combat Team, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic.

Hospitalman Charles O. Sare, 23 of Hemet, CA, died Oct. 23, 2006. Doc Sare was assigned to Naval Ambulatory Care Center, Port Hueneme, CA, and was currently serving with Multi-National Corps-Iraq.

You will never be forgotten!

10. The following leaders will be going ashore within the next month:

BMCS Eduardo R. Garcia, Naval Medical Center San Diego; 6 October 2017

HM1 Ivan Demarco Bell, 2nd Marine Division; 19 October 2017

HMC Aida Luz Santell, Navy Medicine Training Support Center; 20 October 2017

HM1 Michael Kirk, Navy Medicine Training Support Center; 20 October 2017

HMCN Theo Marsh, Navy Medicine Professional Development Center; 20 October 2017

CMDCM Jeff Williamson, EMF Great Lakes; 21 October 2017

CSC Jupiter F. Bongolan, Navy Medicine Training Support Center; 27 October 2017

HMC Rhonda Denise Borders, Captain James A. Lovell FHCC; 31 October 2017

HMCN Jeff Dell will be going ashore in November; the e-invitation is provided below for your consideration:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=361334&k=0167430A7853>

In closing, I'm extremely grateful to serve as your Force MC and look forward to the opportunity to visit with each of you! Remember to lead and challenge your Sailors; remain vigilant and improve every day; your fellow Shipmates and Marines depend on the Hospital Corps to be at their very best all the time.